



The Intelligencer.

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Death of "George Eliot."

The brief dispatch in our columns this morning announcing the death of Mrs. Marian Cross, nee Marian Evans, better known by her pen name of "George Eliot," will be a cause of sincere regret to many of her admirers in this vicinity. There probably is no living woman whose literary fame is the equal of "George Eliot's," and the unusual circumstances of her life have given her a peculiar position in the estimation of the reading world. That she was a great novelist none will probably deny. That she was as well a pure woman many will readily admit. She was born in Warwickshire in 1819. Her first work, "Scenes of Clerical Life," originally appeared in *Blackwood's Magazine* in 1857, and was published in book form in London in 1858. It was followed by "Adam Bede" (1859), which at once secured for its author a place among the first of English novelists, and formed the beginning of a series of works each of which has confirmed George Eliot in the high position which criticism has almost universally allotted to her. "The Mill on the Floss" appeared in 1860; "Silmarion" in 1861; "Romola" (first published as a serial in the *Corinth Magazine*) in 1863; "Felix Holt, the Radical," in 1866, and "Middlemarch," one of her most remarkable prose works, in 1871. "Daniel Deronda," by some considered the most powerful effort of her pen, has since been her only prominent contribution to English literature. She translated Strauss' "Life of Jesus" (1846), and Auerbach's "Essence of Christianity" (1854). Her poetical works are "The Spanish Gipsy" (1858) and "The Legend of Jubal" (1874). She was for a time associate editor of the *Westminster Review*.

Among the highest characteristics of "George Eliot" as a writer of fiction is her remarkable power in the delineation, not so much of character already formed as of its development. Almost unconsciously the reader follows every process in the growth of those strong individual types with which her novels are filled, and sees the logical influence of every circumstance and event brought to bear upon their lives. In all of her works the physical and material difficulties to which her actors are subjected, and all those things which ordinarily constitute the "plot" of a novel, without losing their interest in any way, are completely subordinated to this leading design of picturing the development of the individual character under different conditions. Thus her novels form some of the best examples in the English language of the true carrying out of the highest purpose of fiction. Hardly less important characteristics are her singular skill in seizing and embodying thoroughly human types of mind and thought, so that each one of her characters becomes a living representative of some traits which every reader recognizes; and her power of terse and almost epigrammatic expression places her works among the small number from which expressions pass into popular and current quotations. The subjects of her novels were generally taken from English village and provincial life. The notable exceptions were "Romola" and "Daniel Deronda."

Some months after the death of Mr. George Eliot, with whom her relations had always been of the closest intimacy and to whom she is reported to have been married upon the death of his wife, she started the literary world by contracting a second matrimonial alliance and retiring to her country seat. She has since been living very quietly, and the news of her death will be a great surprise to her admirers all over the world who had no previous intimation of her ill health.

The State Temperance Convention.
We have received from Rev. George C. Wilding, an account of the doings of the late State Temperance Convention at Parkersburg, the proceedings at which were attended with considerable interest. Among other resolutions the following were adopted:

WHEREAS, The traffic in intoxicating liquors is a source of untold evil and destruction to a fearful extent of the moral and material prosperity of our State; and whereas, it is within the legitimate province of the law-making power to effectually abolish this traffic by prohibitory legislation; therefore be it

Resolved, That the people of West Virginia should demand of the Legislature of the State the adoption, as soon as practicable, of such measures as will effectually prevent the traffic in intoxicating liquors within the State.

Resolved, That in order to secure the speedy enactment of such prohibitory law, this Convention should take the necessary steps to effect such an organization of those opposed to the liquor traffic as will enable them to formally make and enforce the demand for legislation abolishing the said traffic.

Resolved, That in pursuance of the foregoing resolutions this Convention should appoint an efficient State Executive Committee, consisting of fifteen persons—three from each Congressional district, and six other persons, of which committee six shall constitute a quorum, and of which the chairman shall be elected by the Convention; and that this committee be instructed to carry out substantially the following policy:

First—To prepare such an amendment to the Constitution of the State as will provide for the complete suppression of the liquor traffic by law, and to submit this amendment to the Legislature at its next session, and secure, if possible, its adoption.

Second—If the Legislature should adopt such an amendment, a vigorous campaign should at once be instituted to secure its ratification by the people.

Third—If the present Legislature refuses to adopt the proposed amendment, an earnest effort should be made to elect to the next Legislature a sufficient number of members in favor of such an amendment to secure its adoption.

Fourth—To insure the accomplishment of the purposes specified above, the Executive Committee should organize the opposition to the liquor traffic, so as to make its entire strength available at the polls, by appointing efficient sub-committees in every county, through which a thorough canvass of every district and community may be provided for.

Fifth—That the press of the State, so far as available, be used in the interest of this work.

A fund should be provided by volun-

Miss Flora Shanks Becomes Lady Hamilton.
SAN FRANCISCO, December 23.—At Belmont, this evening, Sir Thomas Hamilton, of England, was married to Flora, youngest daughter of Senator Sharon. The reception was the most brilliant ever seen in California.

Death of a Journalist.
CINCINNATI, December 23.—Charles E. Smith, elder son of Richard Smith of the Cincinnati *Gazette*, died at noon to-day at his residence at Clifton. He was before his health became broken connected with the editorial department of the *Gazette*.

NEWS OF ALL SORTS

BURDEN OF THE ELECTRIC WIRE YESTERDAY.

Our Relations With Canada—Suffering at Sea—Fire, Explosions and Divers Disasters—The Bernhard and Some Other Persons—Chit from the National Capital, &c.

SUFFERING SEAMEN.
Men who go aboard a threatened bark to offer help are washed into the sea. New York, December 23.—The steamer Edith Gooden, from Montego Bay, reports that on December 10th the bark Fortella, Capt. Nixon, left Falmouth, Jamaica, for London, with a cargo of rum, logwood. She cleared the port reef and shortly after the wind died and a strong sea current set her towards the reef three miles to the leeward, and within a quarter of a mile of which the Fortella lay her anchor. Hearing of the perilous position of the vessel, Captain Hopewell, of the bark Medea, and Woolley of the bark Dundee, and Debris, pilot and harbor master, went on board to afford assistance. Three other anchors were let go.

At about 7 p. m. the wind set in from the north with a heavy sea, and the vessel dragged her four anchors and was driven on board to afford assistance. Three other anchors were let go. The walking match at Zilch's Hall on Christmas morning, between Miss Lou Kennedy and Chas. Braun, is for a purse of \$100. Mr. Braun is to walk 40 miles to Miss Kennedy's house.

RELAINE.
The members of the Liberty Hose No. 1, are to meet at their house on Belmont street, Friday, at 4 p. m., to test the new hose and to move the reel and fixtures to their new house.

SUIT FOR SALVAGE.
Boston, Dec. 23.—The owners of the Tradomian have entered suit for \$25,000 salvage for towing the disabled Canardier Marathon into port.

EXPLOSION ON BOARD A SHIP.
PANAMA, December 16.—Intelligence from Baranagel says the explosion of one of boilers of the steamer Isabella killed four persons and severely wounded several others, two of whom have since died.

NORWAY'S POET.
A Warm Welcome to Him by Compatriots in Chicago. Chicago, December 23.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the great Norwegian poet and statesman, arrived in Chicago this morning, via the Michigan Southern Railroad, and was met by a Committee of Reception on behalf of the Scandinavian compatriots, who escorted him to the Palmer House. A reception will be tendered him Christmas day, and Sunday afternoon a more public and general assemblage in his honor will be given at the Waldorf Hotel.

Terrible Engine Explosion.
PORTVILLE, Pa., December 23.—After the crew of engine No. 252 had quit work for the day, at 4 p. m., the engine exploded, blowing it to pieces. The engine was on Port Carbon to take on a train of loaded coal cars. When they had proceeded as far as Belmont, two miles and a half above Port Carbon, the engine exploded, blowing it to pieces. The engine was on Port Carbon to take on a train of loaded coal cars. When they had proceeded as far as Belmont, two miles and a half above Port Carbon, the engine exploded, blowing it to pieces.

St. Louis Mill Burned.
ST. LOUIS, December 23.—The Pacific Flour Mill of Kehlor Bros., corner Third and Cedar streets, was almost completely destroyed by fire between four and five o'clock this evening. About 500 barrels of flour, 10,000 worth of new machinery waiting to be set up, was also in the mill, which was either destroyed or badly damaged. Loss, \$100,000.

FAMOUS CASES.

SOME CASES THAT ARE ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

The Phelps-Dodge Case, Out of Which the Allegations in Mr. Hayward's Dover Speech Grew—Talmage—A New Recourse for Libel—The Sprague.

SPRAGUE'S FABRICATIONS.
Mrs. Sprague's friend and business adviser tells a story of the wrongs inflicted upon her.

THE PHELPS-DODGE CASE.
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A Revolution of Sentiment in Favor of the Colonists—The Press Excited.

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